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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING PRINTING HEADS

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the October 7, 2003 Office Action is due January 7, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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